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KHE SANH MILITARY AREA
SOUTH VIETNAM
1639N 10644E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD PORTRAYS THE U.S. MILITARY CAMP AT KHE SANH, THE WESTERN ANCHOR OF THE ALLIED DEFENSE LINE ALONG THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM. KHE SANH IS PRESENTLY UNDER SIEGE BY A NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCE ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN 20,000 AND 40,000 MEN.

2. BACKGROUND:

A TOTAL OF 1,867 B-52 SORTIES HAVE BEEN FLOWN IN THIS AREA FROM 12 JANUARY 1968 TO 11 MARCH 1968. SORTIES BY OTHER AIRCRAFT OVER THIS AREA HAVE AVERAGED 200 TO 250 PER DAY. AT TIMES THERE HAVE BEEN AS MANY AS 300 SORTIES IN A SINGLE DAY.

3. MISSION READOUT:

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EVIDENCE OF B-52 STRIKES IN THE NUMEROUS LONG STEADY LINES OF BOMB CRATERS. BOMB CRATERS FROM STRIKES BY OTHER AIRCRAFT ARE DISCERNIBLE THROUGHOUT THE AREA, PARTICULARLY IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF HILLS 881 SOUTH AND 861, AND THE MAIN CAMP.

THE INSERT SHOWS THE U.S. MILITARY CAMP AT KHE SANH. ENEMY TRENCHES ARE OBSERVED EXTENDING TOWARD THE EASTERN END OF THE CAMP AND IN SEVERAL INSTANCES APPEAR TO HAVE REACHED THE OUTER DEFENSE AREA OF THE CAMP.

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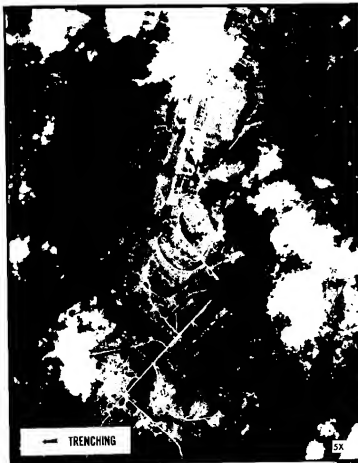


HILL 950

U.S. MILITARY BASE
KHE SANH

HILL 861

HILL 881
SOUTH



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